

the public domain proportioned to the Federal population of each, or in the terms of the compact, according to the usual respective proportions of the general charge and expenditure; and we see, with regret, that by the introduction of bills called Pre-emption bills, and other measures, into the Congress of the United States, manifest injustice is intended to the older members of the Confederacy:

*Be it therefore resolved*, That this General Assembly do condemn, in the most decided manner, any act by the Congress of the United States, whatever title it may bear, which contemplates a disposition of the proceeds of the sales of the Public Lands otherwise than as set forth in the deeds of cession from the several States.

*Resolved further*, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, be requested to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a bill, directing the division of the proceeds of the sales of the public domain among the States in an equitable ratio, to be used by the States for Internal Improvement, Education, or any other purpose, as may be deemed expedient by the several States receiving said distribution.

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with the request that they lay them before their respective bodies.

And Mr. Boyden offered the following additional resolution, viz:

*Resolved further*, That Congress ought at once to pass a law, ceding to the old States for the promotion of education, such portions of the public domain as shall correspond, in a just degree, with that already ceded to the new States for the same object.

Said resolutions were read.

Mr. Graves moved that they be laid on the table. The question thereon was decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Boyden,

*Ordered*, That they be printed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The resolutions respecting the re-opening of Roanoke Inlet, were taken up and considered.

Mr. Stallings moved to insert after the word "*requested*," the words "*and instructed*;" which was rejected.